

E-017/M-89-399 ACCEPTING FILINGS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Implementation of an
Energy Conservation Program for Otter Tail
Power Company

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ORDER ACCEPTING FILINGS

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On December 26, 1989, the Commission issued its ORDER APPROVING CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND REQUIRING ADDITIONAL FILINGS in the current docket. In that Order the Commission approved Otter Tail Power Company's (OTP's or the Company's) proposed 1990 CIP plan. The Commission also ordered the Company to submit future status reports on the various approved CIP projects.

On July 31, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER ACCEPTING STATUS REPORT AND APPROVING PROPOSED PROJECT CHANGES. In that Order the Commission accepted OTP's filed status reports, provided that the Company submit certain further information in a compliance filing within 60 days.

On September 26, 1990, OTP submitted a compliance filing in response to the Commission's July 31 Order.

In comments filed October 11, 1990, the Department of Public Service (the Department) recommended that the Commission accept OTP's compliance filing. The Department stated, however, that the Company should be required to submit further information regarding its cost-benefit calculations for the Commercial Lighting Rebate CIP project.

The matter came before the Commission on October 30, 1990.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission agrees with the Department that the Company's September 26 filing supplies the

information required in the Commission's Order of July 31, 1990.

The Commission understands that the Department has concerns regarding the Company's cost-benefit analysis and would like to receive further information regarding the model and assumptions used in the analysis. In the interests of administrative efficiency, the Department's concerns should be addressed within the annual/biennial CIP process now administered by the Department.

ORDER

1. Otter Tail Power Company's September 26, 1990 compliance filing regarding the Company's 1990 CIP plan is hereby accepted.
2. Remaining issues regarding the model and assumptions used in the cost-benefit analysis for the Commercial Lighting Rebate project are deferred for consideration by the Department in its annual/biennial CIP process.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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